

BRIDAL PARTY GOES FROM BATH OF FLAMES TO ALTAR

Swathed in Bandages Bride and Bridegroom Are Married in Church.

VEIL CATCHES AFIRE

Physicians Attend the Victims and the Ceremony is Then Performed.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 31.—Susie Terlicka and Joseph Giekl were married here today, standing before the altar with the upper parts of their bodies swathed in bandages because of burns received just before they were to start for the church.

Miss Terlicka's bridal veil caught fire from an open grate, ignited her clothing and that of Agnes Lapacki, the bride's maid, who also was seriously burned.

Giekl was burned in rescuing the two women. The ceremony was delayed while the sufferers were attended by physicians.

FREE SCHOOL

Diploma Examination Dates Announced by County Superintendent.

A. P. Morrison, county superintendent of schools, announces that the first free school diploma examination this year in the county will be held at the following places February 29 and March 1, the opening hour each day being 9 a. m.:

At Industrial for Clark district, at Shinnston and Enterprise for Clay district, at Adamston for Coal district, at Lumberport and Wyatt for Eagle district, at Johnstown for Elk district, at Byron and Lost Creek for Grant district, at Sardis and Wallace for Sardis district, at Grassell for Simpson district, at Salem and Bristol for Tenmile district and at West Milford, Mineral and Burnside school houses for Union district.

DIRECTORY

Man is Here Now to Work on a New State Gazetteer.

Edward H. Phillips, of Pittsburg, representing R. L. Polk and Company, of that city, directory publishers, is in the city to begin Clarksburg work on a new state gazetteer to be issued by his company next May. He will be joined within a few days by an assistant. Mr. Phillips and assistants compiled the last city directory here. They will spend two weeks here on the state gazetteer.

WOMEN TO FIGURE IN NEXT ELECTION

Woman Suffrage President Makes Public Quite a Novel Idea.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31.—That the next president of the United States may be elected by the women voters of the West is the statement made here today by Dr. William Tindall, author and publicist, long time friend of Susan B. Anthony and president of the District of Columbia Equal Suffrage Association. He figures it out that in the next electoral college the states in which women are permitted to vote will cast 37 electoral votes, while it is no uncommon thing for a president to be elected by a smaller plurality than this. John Adams defeated Thomas Jefferson by three votes in 1796; four years later Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr tied and the election was thrown into the House. In 1824 none of the candidates received enough votes to elect and the election was made by the House. Zachary Taylor defeated Lewis Ca. by 36 votes in 1848; Hayes defeated Tilden by one vote in 1876 and Grover Cleveland defeated James G. Blaine by 37 votes in 1884.

Dr. Tindall is of the opinion, in view of the closeness of so many contests, that it would not be at all strange if the coming election should be determined by the votes of the woman suffrage states. The states which now permit women to vote for president are California with fifteen electoral votes, Colorado six, Idaho

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JUDGE M. H. WILLIS

JUDGE WILLIS IS OUT FOR A PLACE

PEACE PLANS

Are Made by the Dowager Empress of Chinese Imperialists.

PEKING, China, Jan. 31.—The Imperial foreign board announces that the empress dowager informed the members of the cabinet at a meeting today that the throne had decided on a plan which will insure peace.

She instructed the ministers to arrange affairs accordingly.

It is understood that the Imperial family has accepted the conditions laid down by the republicans.

The court will not quit Peking for a month as the Manchu troops of the garrison have threatened to shoot the royal family and princes if they leave the capital.

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC.

FAIRMONT, Jan. 31.—According to the report of the city physician, Dr. Chesney Ramage, there are thirty-seven cases of typhoid fever in this city.

PLANS

For the Semi-Centennial Celebration Are to Be Made Quite Soon.

WHEELING, Jan. 31.—Just as soon as the committees recently appointed by the officers of the board of trade organize plans for the semi-centennial celebration to be held in this city will be made. The centennial commission will have charge of but one day, that being the day on which West Virginia withdrew from the mother state. However, the celebration will last throughout the entire week, as the board of trade committees are planning for others days' events.

The island fair grounds have been donated free of charge to the commission during the week by the fair association. Present indications are that a number of exhibit buildings will be built. Every county in West Virginia will have an exhibit at the celebration.

CAR OFF TRACK.

A Bridgeport street car was off the track at the junction going to Grassell a short time at the noon hour today and East End traffic was interrupted to some extent.

On the Supreme Court Bench of the State of West Virginia.

Judge M. H. Willis, of New Martinsville, whose cut adorns this page, is a candidate for judge of the supreme court of appeals, subject to the Republican convention to be held at Huntington. This will be good news to his many friends and admirers, who have long sought an opportunity to promote him to this high and responsible position.

Judge Willis is by experience and training qualified to look after the matters which come before the supreme court of this state. He was reared on a farm in Ritchie county, where his parents yet live. By his ambition he secured an excellent education, was graduated from Valparaiso University, at the head and valedictorian of a large class. His admission to the practice of law followed and he has ever since applied himself to the practice and administration of the law, having been judge of the old Fourth judicial circuit comprising Doddridge, Ritchie, Tyler and Wetzel counties from November 8, 1900, to December 31, 1904. Since that time he has served as judge of the Second judicial circuit, composed of Doddridge, Tyler and Wetzel. His present term will expire December 31, 1912.

During all this time, the work in his circuit has been very heavy, but the manner in which he has handled the many cases before him has been highly creditable. Nearly all the complex questions arising in the oil fields have been before him. The West Virginia Reports for the last twelve years show that Judge Willis's decisions stand the test of the supreme court. They have been quoted in all the oil field litigations throughout the country.

No man in the state is better or more favorably known among the legal fraternity than Judge Willis, and his opinions on legal questions are regarded highly. The people who know his qualifications have been insisting on the judge's announcement and from many parts of the state comes the assurance that Judge Willis will receive the nomination for judge of the supreme court of appeals at the state judicial convention at Huntington, May 16, 1912.

LAMP EXPLDES

When Man is Refilling It and Two of His Children Are Dead Now.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Louis Isler attempted to refill an oil lamp early today, while it was burning and it exploded. Two of his children are dead and two others are in the Swedish hospital in a critical condition. Isler and his wife were also burned.

GIVES BOND.

Mary Hansford gave bond of \$10,000 Wednesday with Carl L. Hornor surety as guardian of Roscoe R. Hansford.

PLEASED IS MR. TAFT WITH HIS OWN STATE

Reception Given Him on His Present Trip in State Suits Him.

LEADERS TELL HIM

That He Will Be Given the State's Delegation to the Convention.

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 31.—Pleased with the reception given him in his home state, President Taft will end a three days' trip in Ohio tonight with an address before the Chamber of Commerce in Akron.

According to National Committee-man A. I. Vorys, he will go back to Washington with the assurance from a majority of the Republican leaders that the delegation to the national convention will be for him.

President Taft addressed fifty Ohio editors here, and told them he believed that the Republicans would win next November but the brunt of the fight must be born by the editors.

OPERATORS ARE IN CONFERENCE

Window Glass Concerns Take Action on Alleged Jobbing Combine.

Representatives of all the window glass manufacturing concerns in West Virginia except two are attending a conference at the Waldo hotel for the purpose of discussing market conditions and taking such action as may be deemed necessary to break up an alleged combination among window glass jobbers so far as the West Virginia output is concerned. The two manufacturing companies not represented in person sent letters pledging support of the plans adopted at the conference.

The manufacturers believe that certain large jobbing interests are oversold and that they have entered into a scheme to break values in the market for the purpose of covering their sales.

At the Telegram's press time the meeting was in progress and a plan of procedure had not fully been decided upon.

CONFIRMED

Is Court Sale of An Infant's Half-Interest in 165 Acres of Surface.

In the circuit court Wednesday sale of one-half undivided interest in 165 acres of surface on Crooked run by Leon A. Matile, guardian of Flora Shafer Matile, to Claude W. William F., Truman E., and Howard M. Gore for \$13,000 was confirmed. In the suit of M. W. Ogden, guardian, against Emma Robinson et al, a motion was docketed asking for authority to sell oil and gas rights.

A motion was made to reject two special pleas in the suit of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company against the Clarksburg Lumber and Planing Mill Company.

VERBAL BATTLE

Is Engaged in between Detective Burns and Hancy before Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Detective W. J. Burns testified before the Lorimer committee today and furnished a mild sensation, when he engaged in a verbal battle with Attorney Hancy. The exchange of words became so sharp that Chairman Dillingham was compelled to intervene frequently.

STATE TREASURER LONG IS OUT FOR RE-NOMINATION



E. L. LONG STATE TREASURER.

JUDGE RITZ ASKS FOR A JUDGESHIP

Seeks Nomination for Membership of the State Supreme Court.

BLUEFIELD, Jan. 31.—Judge Harold A. Ritz today made his formal announcement as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Judge of the State Supreme Court of Appeals. For some months the friends of Judge Ritz have been urging him to be a candidate, and the press of the state has made favorable comments. He has received letters from a large number of lawyers and prominent men throughout the state pledging their support, and has decided to enter the race.

Judge Ritz was born in Wheeling in 1873, and after attending the public schools was graduated from Marshall College, and then took up the study of law, being admitted to the bar in 1894. He has steadily advanced in his profession and now enjoys a large practice. He has been judge of the Eighth judicial circuit and gained fame for the soundness of his opinions. He was appointed United States attorney for the Southern district of West Virginia several years ago, but cherishes the ambition of serving his state as a justice of its supreme court. Judge Ritz has in a large degree the judicial mind, his decisions while circuit judge having been uniformly fair and of a character to merit the confidence of the people and gain the commendation of the legal fraternity. He is a close student of the law though his practice has been for many years so large as to occupy nearly all his time and attention. In politics he is an unwavering Republican and such political activity as he has thought best to engage in has been directed to the interests of that party. He is too broad minded for an intense partisan, and he is inclined to take the judicial view of political questions, seeing in the agitation of these subjects in platforms and campaign discussions the general progress and betterment of the people. He will have the unanimous support of the southern tier of counties, and a strong following throughout the state.

BOMB KILLS

Turkish Commissary Lieutenant and Eight Military Policemen.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 31.—A police commissary of one lieutenant and eight military policemen were killed by the explosion of a bomb in the town of Radovisht during the night. The commander and eight men were wounded.

Will Submit His Name to Republican Electors at the June Primary.

STATE-WIDE PRIMARY

Suits Him He Declares and He Will Abide by Will of the Voters.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 31.—State Treasurer E. L. Long will be a candidate for re-nomination in the Republican state-wide primary next June. For several weeks his announcement for re-nomination has been expected and today Treasurer Long confirmed the general belief that he would again be a candidate for state treasurer.

"I am a candidate for re-nomination and will submit my name to the Republican electors at the June primary," was the statement made by Mr. Long when asked directly if he would again seek the office to which he was elected in 1908.

"When the Republican party, through its organization, arranged for a state-wide primary to choose a state ticket," continued Mr. Long, "it provided a method by which the voters of the party could name their candidates. Such an arrangement is entirely satisfactory to me and should be satisfactory to everyone who aspires to public office. If a majority of the Republican voters of the state, with their suffrage, free and unrestricted, again tender me the nomination for state treasurer, I shall feel doubly indebted to them, and will make as strong a fight for the election of the whole ticket in November as it is possible for a man to make."

"I shall make an aggressive campaign for the nomination, but if a majority of the voters of the state, choose another for this place on the state ticket, then the choice of the voters shall be my choice, and have my loyal support during the campaign for election."

Mr. Long was born and reared in Tyler county; taught in the public schools of his native county; was graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, W. Va., in the class of 1898; graduated from West Virginia University in the class of 1901; located at Welch, W. Va., in 1902, where he practiced law until 1908 when he was nominated and elected state treasurer. He has a very large acquaintance throughout the state and has a host of active supporters in every county in West Virginia. He is an aggressive campaigner, a forcible public speaker, and has been selected to deliver the annual alumni address during commencement at West Virginia Wesleyan College next June.

CAGE FALLS

In a Shaft 200 Feet at Danville and Eight Coal Miners Are Injured.

DANVILLE, Ill., Jan. 31.—Eight men were hurt, four seriously, today when a cage, in which they were being taken down a shaft at the Electric coal mine near here, fell 200 feet.

REFINED OIL

Is Advanced Thirty Points in Price by the Standard Oil Company.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The Standard Oil Company of New York today announced an advance of thirty points in refined petroleum in cases, making the price 9.90 cents a gallon. Petroleum in barrels remains the same in price.

SOCIALIST EDITOR IS UNDER ARREST

BRANCH STORE

Will Be Opened in Cincinnati by the United Woolen Mills Company.

The United Woolen Mills Company with stores here, at Parkersburg and several other places is arranging to open a large branch store in Cincinnati soon. The necessary location has been procured. It will be at No. 424 Vine street. The company will also likely open a big store in Columbus soon. It has stores at Wheeling, Charleston, Huntington, Marietta and Zanesville, besides here and at Parkersburg. The business started in an humble way at Parkersburg about ten years ago and its remarkable large scope now shows its wonderful success.

RAILER IS DRILLED.

On Indian run, Tenmile district, this county, the Independent Oil Company has now completed and shot its second test on the William Hickman farm and will not have better than a 5-barrel pumper in the Gordon sand. On Cherry Camp run, in the same district, the Moon Oil and Gas Company is due in the Gordon sand at its test on the J. W. Rosier farm.

As a Murderer's Accessory at the Scene of the Textile Strike.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 31.—The arrest of Leader Ettor and his principal assistant, Arturo Giovannitti, editor of a New York Socialist paper, during the night for being accessories in the murder of Anna Lopez who was shot Monday night, had but little effect on the strike situation here today. The city is still guarded by soldiers.

BIGAMY

Is Charge Made against a Former Bluefield School Teacher.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 31.—M. Robert Altman, 30 years old, school teacher in Bluefield, W. Va., and an alleged bigamist, is sought for here by the police on complaint of the authorities of Owensboro, Ky., who assert he recently married a young woman of that city after abandoning another wife at Bluefield. He left Owensboro two weeks ago and came to Chicago on January 28. His second wife is said to have followed him.